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1. THIRD REVISION OF CAPE VERDE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ON
ECOSYSTEMS WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS IN COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE IN MORNING SESSION, SEPTEMBER 8. AS IN CASE OF
ITS BANTUSTAN RESOLUTION (SEPTTEL), CAPE VERDE HAD REVERTED TO
PREVIOUS LANGUAGE AND ADDED SOME NEW PHRASES. AUSTRALIAN
WEOG CHAIRMAN THEREFORE MADE PREVIOUSLY AGREED STATEMENT
EXPRESSING INABILITY OF MOST WEOG STATES FROM ACCEPTING
TEXT OF RESOLUTION. ALL EC-9 DELEGATIONS, UK IN
PARTICULAR, HAD STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT IMPRECISION
AND COMPLEXITY OF CAPE VERDE RESOLUTION.

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2. IN PLENARY SEPTEMBER 9, RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY
CONSENSUS. AUSTRALIAN WEOG CHAIRMAN AGAIN TOOK FLOOR
TO REFER TO STATEMENT OF RESERVATION ON TEXT MADE IN
PREVIOUS DAY'S SESSION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. ON
THIS OCCASSION HE STATED THAT STATEMENT REFLECTED
POSITIONS OF ALL WEOG STATES EXCEPT ONE, I.E. SPAIN.

3. TEXT AS ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF CAPE VERDE
ON THE EFFECT OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON
ECOSYSTEMS.

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION,
MEETING AT NAIROBI (KENYA) FROM 29 AUGUST TO 9
SEPTEMBER 1977,

RECALLING PARAGRAPH 197 OF DOCUMENT A/CONF.74/1
ON DESERTIFICATION RESULTING FROM WAR, AND PARAGRAPH 107
OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION HELD AT NAIROBI
FROM 12 TO 16 APRIL 1977 (A/CONF.74/33/ADD.1). DEALING
WITH THIS SUBJECT,

CONSIDERING THAT THE PROTECTION OF ECOSYSTEMS AND
OF THE BIOSPHERE SHOULD BE ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS
OF MANKIND,

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
TECHNOLOGY AND MODER TECHNIQUES PLACES AT THE DISPOSAL
OF MANKIND DANGEROUS MEANS FOR THE MASS DESTRUCTION
OF ECOSYSTEMS,

NOTING THAT THE USE OF NAPALM AND DEFOLIANTS
DURING WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION HAS BEEN ONE OF THE
FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DESERTIFICATION PROCESS
IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD.

1) CONDEMNS THE USE OF ANY TECHNIQUE THAT CAUSES THE
DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
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2) DENOUNCES THE EFFECTS OF DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS
AND PRACTICES ON THE ECOSYSTEMS OF ALL COUNTRIES WHICH
HAVE EXPERIENCED THEM, AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHICH
ACHIEVED THEIR INDEPENDENCE THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE OR
WHICH ARE STILL ENGAGED IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION.

3) CONDEMNS FURTHER THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL
SUBSTANCES WHICH DESTROY OR DIMINISH THE POTENTIAL OF
ECOSYSTEMS AND ARE CONDUCTIVE TO DESERTIFICATION.

4) CONDEMNS AND DEMANDS THE PROHIBITION OF THE POISON-
ING OF SOURCES OF WATER.

5) APPEALS TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM TO REFRAIN FROM USING CHEMICAL WEAPONS OR SUB-
STANCES HAVING A DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND FROM SUPPLYING SUCH WEAPONS OR SUBSTANCES TO THOSE
WHO SUPPORT THIS POLICY OF DESTRUCTION.

6) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TO
REPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ON THE STRICT APPLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. END
QUE.

4. TEXT OF STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF WEOG MEMBERS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE:

MOST COUNTRIES OF THE WEOG, WHILE STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, IN PARTICULAR THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS IN A MANNER WHICH HAS DELETERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT, NEVERTHELESS HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PRESENT TEXT AS DRAFTED.

THE PRIMARY REASONS FOR THIS ARE THE INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PARTICULAR REGIONS OF THE WORLD AND THE REFERENCE OF MATTERS WHICH ARE MORE APPROPRIATELY BEING DELIVERATED IN OTHER FORA.

IN MAKING THIS STATEMENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THAT WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE, INTER ALIA, TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 31/64 CONCERNING "INCENDIARY AND OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SUBJECT OF PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS" OF 10)\$3:3.734 1976 AND 31/65 CONCERNING "CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS" AND 10 DECEMBER 1976 AND THE 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL AND THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND OTHER RELEVANT CONVENTIONS. IN ADDITION, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ON-GOING EFFORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TO ACHIEVE PROHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

THEREFORE, MR. CHIRMAN, WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH THE BROAD THRUST OF THE CAPE VERDE DRAFT RESOLUTION, WE ARE FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED REASONS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE TEXT AS IT STANDS. END QUOTE.
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